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Nova Scotia's Fishing Year.

In a review of the fishing operations in Nova Scotia for 1910, contributed to the Halifax Chronicle, A. Handfield Whitman says among other things:

"Probably for the first time in the history of the trade some 5,000 barrels of Irish and Norway mackerel were imported in 1910 by Halifax merchants; and they are having to fall back on Newfoundland for practically their entire supply of herring for the export trade.

"The fishing operations in Eastern Canada, so far as the production of dry and pickled fish is concerned, may be summarized as follows:

"Cape Breton and Gaspé Shore Codfishery, and Lunenburg Bank fishery, 25 per cent. above an average; South Shore of Nova Scotia codfishery, 25 per cent. under the average; Bay of Fundy scalefishery, 33 1-3 per cent. under the average. Mackerel and herring fishery almost a complete failure."

Prices compare about as follows:

	Dec. 1909.	Dec. 1910.
Small shore codfish.....	\$5.00	\$5.75
Large shore codfish.....	5.50	6.50
Bank codfish.....	4.75	6.00
Haddock	3.50	4.25
Hake	2.75	4.25
Pollock	3.00	4.00
Spring mackerel	11.00	13.00
No. 1 fat mackerel	18.00	20.00
No. 2 fat mackerel.....	15.00	18.00
No. 1 shore herring.....	2.75	4.00
No. 2 shore herring.....	2.25	3.00

Mr. Whitman concludes by saying:

"As Nova Scotians we should wake up things at Ottawa, and insist on action instead of promises. First of all there should be a Deputy Minister of Fisheries, as distant from the Deputy Minister of Marine.

"Then there should be a fisheries office in Halifax, in charge of a competent official, whose entire time should be given to the administration and development of the fisheries. This, to be followed, if necessary, with branch offices at the various fishing centers.

"Working with the fisheries official at Halifax there could be an advisory committee. This could be an enlargement of the present sub-committee on fisheries for Nova Scotia of the Conservation Commission. Fishery matters could then be intelligently discussed and recommendations sent to Ottawa that would have some hope of results."

New York Salt Fish Market.

The Fishing Gazette says of the general salt fish trade:

"A better demand for salt fish was noted during the week, particularly for mackerel. Irish promise to go higher, which will be welcome news to shippers on the other side, who have been holding back for an improvement.

"Scotch herring are very scarce, and the market has a strong tone. Yarmouth fish, which are not considered so good, are in demand.

"Prices on Holland herring are firm, and tending higher.

"Norway herring are plentiful, and prices easy.

"Codfish is scarce, and the high quotations are likely to prevail for some time.

"Latest European advices report diminished holdings at several ports; but the floods at Oporto having subsided, cargoes are being discharged as usual at that important center of the fish trade. Consumption is well maintained as a rule, and quotations generally continue at the previous level. French fish have been advanced in new transactions, although a considerable bulk is yet to be delivered on previous contracts.

"It is believed in some quarters that substantial quantities of late-caught French fish will appear in the Mediterranean markets in the spring.

"Political unrest in Portugal and Spain may also bring about easier prices.

"On this side of the Atlantic order has been restored in Brazil, and fairly steady conditions prevail throughout the West Indies and the Central American markets, pending the Lenten demand."

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St. Pierre, Miquelon Fisheries.

The American consul at St. Pierre, Miquelon, reports:

The average catch per vessel was 2,396 quintals (green), as against 2700 in 1910, and the total catch was approximately 127,000 quintals. The price was well maintained throughout the season, averaging \$3.14 per green quintal.

The shore fishing for the entire season was poor, the total catch being estimated at 22,000 quintals, as against 35,000 in 1909. Six hundred and fifty men were engaged in this fishery, and about 950 were employed in the Grand Bank schooners. The value of the shore fish is somewhat less than that coming from the Grand Banks.

Two hundred and twelve sailing vessels, direct from France, were engaged in the Newfoundland Banks fishery this season, about the same number as in 1909. While the vessels land part of their catch in St. Pierre, the results of their fishing are to be had only in France.

A most interesting feature in connection with the fisheries is the steam trawlers. With the exception of a feeble attempt on the part of Canadians, the French alone have striven to introduce this method of fishing. The results are being watched not only by St. Pierre shipping interests, but in Newfoundland, Canada, and the New England states. Results do not appear to have been satisfactory thus far; in fact, the season of 1909 must have been little short of disastrous for the trawlers, for, although there were 30 of these vessels on the Grand Banks that year, only 12 came out this season.

The catch this year, however, was better than in 1909, according to estimates based on the fish landed at St. Pierre by the steamers. The average of each vessel was 3000 quintals, as against 2500 in 1909.

It is possible that the improvement in their industry this season may cause the trawler owners to renew their efforts next spring. Much will depend on the results in 1911.

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Newfoundland Fishery Season.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says:

"Owing to the failure of the United States cod fishery, and the great increased demand for cod in the Western States, Newfoundland has reaped the benefit of greatly enhanced prices, as much as \$6.90 being paid. One United States firm alone bought three million pounds of salt bulk cod on the south coast.

"With the exception of the failure of the Labrador fishery there has been general prosperity all round. The causes of the shortage at Labrador demands scientific investigation. There was a great abundance of fish, but it kept off in deep water, and did not come in a body to the inner fishing grounds for the small boats. The bankers all did well, and the fishery on the south and south-west coast was excellent and lasted longer than in any previous season."

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Landing Green Fish at Newfoundland.

The American sch. Marjie Turner arrived here from Portland, Me., via St. John's and Carbonear on Sunday last. The vessel is trying to secure a load of green fish for the American market and left for Port de Grave on Monday and after taking on board a quantity, returned here again on Thursday evening. She requires about 200 or 300 quintals more to complete her load and leaves for points on the north side of this bay as soon as a favorable time offers. This is the first result the people living in this section have seen of the new ruling from Washington, viz., that all fish brought into the United States through an American agency and in an American bottom shall be admitted duty free. The owners of the Marjie Turner intend handling both fresh and salt bulk fish. This is another result of the work of Sir Edward Morris in securing a market for our fish in the United States. Capt. W. H. Bartlett is on the ship as super-cargo and pilot.—Bay Roberts, N. F., Guardian.

High Prices for Salt Cod.

The fine fare of salt Georges hand-line cod of sch. Hattie A. Heckman sold to the Gloucester Salt Fish Company, at \$5.55 per hundred weight for large and \$5 for mediums and snappers, the same figures as last sales, which were considered the highest ever paid at this port for salt cod.

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RECIPROCITY REGULATIONS.

UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN COMMISSION WILL CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS TOMORROW.

Unless unforeseen details arise to block the progress of the conference today the reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Canada will be concluded tomorrow. The representatives of both countries did not meet in joint session yesterday, but they will confer tomorrow in what is expected to be a final session.

Charles M. Pepper, counsellor of the state department, one of the representatives of the United States, said last night that rapid progress had been made.

"There's a mass of detail to be gone over," he continued, "and the Canadian representatives and their assistants met by themselves yesterday to get it in shape for the conference today. We hope to be through by Saturday, but of course, we can't tell, as the whole subject is one of much detail."

Mr. Pepper escorted the Canadian representatives and their assistants to the White House yesterday and presented to President Taft, John McDougall, commissioner of customs of Canada, who arrives today. In the party were W. S. Fielding, minister of finance; William Paterson, minister of customs, and the members of the Canadian board of experts, J. H. Russell, Major H. V. Rourke and Commissioner McDougall.

WILL COLLECT COD SPAWN.

Fish Commission Steamer Gannett Will Soon Begin Winter Work.

In a week or two, the annual collection of cod spawn on the Maine coast will be begun by the United States fisheries steamer Gannett.

When this time comes, the Gannett will have a crew of about a dozen men. A man will be placed on each of the local fishing schooners so that when any cod spawn are brought over the sides of the vessel they can at once be secured and placed on board the Gannett. When enough of the spawn are found, they will be taken at once to Boothbay and placed in the hatchery there.

The Gannett was at Portland Tuesday from Portsmouth where she went after seed lobsters. Capt. Greenleaf reported that there were very few being secured and that only a few fishermen were after lobsters. He said that there were not many out along the coast anywhere as the weather had been so bad.

Portland Fish Notes.

About 30,000 pounds of fish were landed at Portland Wednesday by five vessels of the local fleet which managed to make a "set" on Tuesday in spite of the unfavorable weather. One of the crew of sch. Fanny Reed reported the day as one of the worst he ever experienced, and he had been fishing for over 40 years. Owing to the intense cold a thick vapor developed over the water, so thick that the men in dories could not see the nearest boats, and there was great danger of their becoming separated. The sails and rigging as well as the vessels themselves were badly iced up, and the crews generally had a very hard time. The fish found a ready market with good prices and the men earned every dollar they received for their fares.

Sch. Eva and Mildred has been supplied with a new mainboom in place of the one broken last week and started out on a cruise yesterday.

Just at present, the fishermen are receiving 22 cents apiece for lobsters; more than they have secured at any other time this winter. It has been rough weather along the coast, many of the fishermen have grown discouraged and taken in their gear while others because of the bad conditions have had no chance to haul their traps. Very few smack lobsters are moving. The demand in the big cities for the shell fish is not heavy and this has had something to do with local conditions. It is said there are plenty of the shellfish in the pounds but these have not begun to move yet. They are being held for a brisker demand.

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FISH PLentiful AT T WHARF.

DEALERS ARE WELL SUPPLIED FOR DEMANDS OF THE BALANCE OF THE WEEK.

T wharf has enough fish again today, indeed the dealers are so well supplied that with no arrivals for a few days they would still be able to fill orders, and it looks as though fancy prices would not be in evidence again for quite a while, until after a good spell of bad weather at least.

This morning found 21 arrivals in the dock, five of them off-shore crafts with fares of from 54,000 to 75,000 pounds each, the latter amount being in sch. Alice M. Guthrie, with schs. Lucania and Fannie E. Prescott close behind her with 73,000 pounds each. Sch. Terra Nova has 68,000 pounds and sch. Virginia 54,000 pounds.

Cod are still far from plentiful and likewise there are but few hake in evidence, but some of the market boats found fair haddock fishing. This will not help them much, as even shore stock is low this morning in this line, new haddock bringing but \$2.25, the lowest price the boats have been up against this whole season.

Of the market fleet schs. Emily Cooney, Warren M. Goodspeed, Washakie and Mary E. Silveira have the largest fares. One of the Provincetown fleet, sch. Mary C. Santos has 35,000 pounds of new fish from the Chatham grounds and, as usual, will get the top of the market.

Off-shore haddock this morning brought \$1.65 and \$1.75, some going to smoke and can, while large cod were quoted at \$4.50 to \$6, hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50 and pollock, \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Emily Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 13,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Lucania, 65,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Virginia, 53,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 70,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 600 hake.
Sch. Athena, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Washakie, 1000 haddock, 500 cod, 5000 hake, 5000 cusk.
Sch. Genesta, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 7000 haddock, 900 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 4000 haddock, 800 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Valentinna, 4500 haddock, 1200 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3500 haddock, 300 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Motor, 2500 haddock, 1700 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Stranger, 7500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 23,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Terra Nova, 65,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 pollock.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 70,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goularte, 7000 haddock, 1200 cod, 700 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.65 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$1.80 to \$2.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.50; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

WAS COSTLY EXPERIMENT.

Canadian Government Abandons Plan for Scotch-Cured Herring.

The Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard says editorially:

"After having tried his hand for five years at putting up Canadian herring in the Scotch manner, Mr. Cowie has gone out of the business and taken a position in the fisheries department.

"It was a costly experiment for the Dominion, taking out of the treasury over \$15,000 a year all the while, but repeated remonstrances by the Coast-Guard, and civil war with Alderman Wilson availed not. At last it decayed of itself, left a thousand dollars deficit on its own account and an exceedingly bad odor.

"The herring had been sent year by year to a commission merchant in New York, where they lay unsold, after paying duty and being continually subject to some expense. Something had to be done, and Mr. Cowie last year went to New York and dumped his cure, which would no longer keep. The storage, etc. came to about \$1,500.

"Had the Coast-Guard's advice been followed the government would have saved nearly \$100,000."

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MAY INSTALL COLD STORAGE PLANT.

Boston Capital May Also Build Smoke Houses at Newfoundland.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle says:

"We understand that Sir Edward Morris, while in Boston last week finalized arrangements with an American company for the installation of a cold storage system in this colony. The company proposes to erect, within the next five years, five cold storage plants for fish and fish products, each costing not less than \$100,000, and the whole to be operated for 15 years.

The company also proposes to erect within the same period five smoke houses, five fish packing factories, two glue factories, and two fertilizer plants, to be operated in the same period of 15 years. The colony is to be asked to guarantee 1 1/2% interest annually on the buildings and plant up to \$500,000 and to make up any shortage in a 5% dividend on the operations of the concern; that is to say, if the company does not make 5% profit, the colony will supply the amount necessary to equal that sum, but if the company makes more than 5% profit, then the colony will not have to assume any financial burden whatever.

"The company asks for free entry for machinery and equipment, as is usual in all such cases, and for grants of crown lands for factories and timber areas, for box and barrel making, and for water powers for lighting and operative purposes.

"It appears that this company, which has been negotiating in this matter for some time past, has secured an option on the whaling plant at Lark Harbor, Bay of Islands, and will make this the first of its depots, the others being added each year, while provision is also made for a floating plant, which can be taken round the coast and moved from section to section as the ice blockade threatens interference.

"This is a most promising undertaking for the colony, and is one of the numerous evidences now accumulating of the prospect of our securing greater access to the American markets than heretofore. Under the recent ruling of the American treasury appraisers the product of these enterprises would secure free entry to the United States, and of course while we look for an unrestricted market with that country, every agency that helps to send our products will be welcomed first because it will increase the price of fish generally here; and second, because it will divert to the American markets fish which would otherwise help to glut our existing markets."

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Incoming Fishermen Badly Iced Up.

The off-shore vessels at T wharf yesterday all reported bad weather all the way to market. Every one of them was badly iced up.

The Robert and Arthur looked the storm she had been through. She left the southwest part of the Georges, about 170 miles from Boston, last Sunday night, Capt. Julius Anderson hoping to make Boston by yesterday morning. The ice formed so thick on the forward part of the schooner that out in the bay the men had to chop it away so that the vessel would make headway. This morning her starboard dories were filled with ice, and trawl tubs, dory sails and oars were frozen in a solid mass. The mainsail was so stiff that it could only be lowered part way, and hung with the gaff half way up the mast. The jumbo was blown away.

Portland Fish Notes.

Practically every vessel in the Portland fishing fleet was out of the harbor Tuesday. Sch. Bernie and Bessie came in during the afternoon and reported that they had been unable to set a trawl because of the thick vapor. The other vessels were still staying outside and might get a chance to set during the night.

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FAIR RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

SMALL LOT OF HALIBUT SOLD AT 22 CENTS PER POUND THIS MORNING.

Since last report T wharf has had quite a goodly bunch of fish, mostly all haddock. The steam trawler Ripple got in in time to sell yesterday. She evidently did not strike fish very plentiful, for she hauled for but 23,000 pounds.

Schs. Cynthia and Quonnapowitt, both off-shore crafts, also came in yesterday.

This morning there were 18 more trips at the dock, all but two of them being market boats. Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., of the off-shore class, hauled for 55,000 pounds, while sch. Lizzie M. Stanley out only a few days and evidently from Brown's bank or LaHave bank, has 33,000 pounds of fresh fish and 2900 pounds of halibut. It was the latter which probably made Capt. Stanley run to market with so few other ground fish, and he struck it all right, for the halibut netted him 22 cents per pound.

Of the market boats the fares mostly run small, some, however, struck good spots and made good hauls. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan hails for 16,000 pounds. Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 12,000 pounds, sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 pounds and sch. Gladys and Nellie 15,000 pounds.

Off-shore haddock brought \$2 right through, with shore haddock at just twice that figure. Large cod, which were in light receipts, sold for from \$4 to \$6, while hake were from \$4 to \$6.10. What few pollock there were in sold at from \$3 to \$3.75 and cusk \$3 to \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Cynthia, 60,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Quonnapowitt, 55,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 hake, 3000 cusk, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 9000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Jeanette, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 3500 haddock, 6000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Lillian, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. Hobo, 2500 cod.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 50,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Dixie, 1200 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 500 cod, 8000 hake, 1500 cusk.
Sch. Harriett, 6000 haddock, 1100 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Genesta, 5000 haddock, 200 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2000 haddock, 800 cod, 1000 hake.
Steamer Ripple, 35,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Haddock, \$2 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; pollock, \$3 to \$3.75; hake, \$4 to \$6.10; cusk, \$3 to \$3.50; halibut, 22 cts. per lb.

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Maine Clam Diggers Getting Better Prices.

Just at present the Maine clam diggers are receiving more for their clams than they ever have before. The dealers themselves are not getting any more for the shocked variety, but the diggers are making a good thing out of the bivalves. The price now being paid ranges from \$1.75 to \$2 a barrel, an average of 25 cents better than they received before. The diggers have declared that owing to the scarcity of the shellfish and the smallness of them that they must receive a greater price. Now they have.

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ICE-HELD VESSELS RELEASED.

REMAINING HERRING CRAFT
WILL LEAVE BAY of ISLANDS
at ONCE.

OWNERS WILL NOT TAKE

CHANCES on ANOTHER

COLD SNAP.

Dispatches this morning from Bay of Island, N. F., bring the welcome news that three of the ice-imprisoned vessels in the Humber Arm at Bay of Islands, N. F., are probably released and that the fourth will probably be freed today.

The news comes in two dispatches from Birchy Cove and are both to the effect that Capt. Parsons, Devine and Young left yesterday for the ice-imprisoned vessels, and authentic reports received there at 7 o'clock last evening were to the effect that schs. Dauntless, Ella M. Goodwin and S. P. Willard were clear of the ice, and it was expected that sch. Constellation would be freed before the night was over.

The news comes as a great relief, not only to the owners of the crafts, but to all interested in the fisheries and the public generally, as the freezing in of a craft there until next spring means not only the loss of the present voyage but a large additional pecuniary loss to the owners of the iced-in vessels.

Dispatches last night stated that sch. S. P. Willard was then within a quarter of a mile of open water, and that the ice was four inches thick. The weather according to the dispatch was moderating. Some dispatches also said that there was quite a lot of herring there now. This, however, will not deter the great majority of the fleet from sailing for home with what they have, as nobody hardly cares to take the risk of the gulf ice coming down at any time and closing the bay for the season, or another blizzard settling in, which would also mean a freezing in, from which the crafts might not be as lucky to escape as they were this time.

Certainly none of the vessel owners here are looking to take any more chances with the vagaries of the Newfoundland weather at this time of the year, and it is known that all of them have ordered their vessels to leave the bay at once for home.

Weather Conditions Reported Warmer.

The ice report from Anticosti yesterday afternoon states that at Southwest Point the thermometer was 12 above zero, with a moderate southwest wind and light gulf ice in sight everywhere, while the report from Heath Point, on the same island reported the thermometer 22 above zero, with a strong northwest wind and light ice in shore. On the face of this, the gulf

ice may not have started across the Gulf, but there is no telling how soon it may move or how quickly it may reach across to the Newfoundland shore and close Bay of Islands.

Some claim that according to the telegrams above reported, there is little present danger, while others are of the opinion that another cold spell like that in the recent blizzard, or another heavy wind storm will send the ice over across the Gulf in very short time. They feel that it is better to be safe than sorry, and therefore are ordering their vessels out and on the way home with what they have, rather than take chances, which they consider desperate, of staying and trying to complete loading. At this time of the year everything is a chance, and a big chance, on the west coast of Newfoundland and it is felt that the recent blizzard is warning enough to "go while the going is good."

Reports from Bay of Islands today show moderate temperature and some herring.

Praise Due to Newfoundland Cutter Fiona.

The Newfoundland government fisheries protection cruiser Fiona must certainly have done splendid work in releasing the schs. Dauntless, Ella M.

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Goodwin and S. P. Willard and today is probably at work on the Constellation. No details have yet been received, but later reports will probably show that her commander and crew put forth their best efforts to rescue the crafts from their perilous positions. Such good work should not go unnoticed and will undoubtedly be properly recognized.

A telegram this forenoon states that it is now quite mild at Birchy Cove, with a light southwest wind.

Herring Plentiful at Conception Bay, N. F.

Herring are reported plentiful at Harbor Main, Conception Bay, N. F. Recently large schools of these fish have struck in and during last week the residents secured good catches. There is also a good sign of codfish in and around that vicinity. Operations are greatly retarded by bad weather conditions, but when the boats are able to get out on the fishing grounds fairly good catches are taken.

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HERRING CRAFT HAD HARD PASSAGE.

SCHS. AVALON and LIZZIE

GRIFFIN at LOUISBURG

BADLY ICED UP.

Caught out in the gulf of St. Lawrence in the recent terrible blizzard which swept the west coast of Newfoundland a few days ago, and froze four vessels in the ice at Bay of Islands, schs. Avalon of this port and Lizzie Griffin of Bangor, Maine, reached Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday, with their crews badly frost bitten. Both crafts were heavily encased in ice and their skippers reported a terrible time coming down the Gulf and making port.

When they came slowly up Louisburg harbor, the vessels resembled small ice-bergs far more than clipper fishing craft and their sails were so heavily coated that when the halliards were let run the several pieces of canvas dropped but a few feet. Decks and hulls lost their usual contour under eight inches of solid ice coating, and ropes were enveloped in congealed ice until they were as large round as a man's body. Forward, the windlasses were lost to view under regular ice hummocks, and it was with difficulty that the anchors were let go. Bowsprits looked like monster icicles with a large bulk on the end. The crafts showed clearly the result of the terrible weather they had been through to reach port.

The crews told a sorry story of hardship since leaving the Bay of Islands. The temperature off the coast was 10 below and the heavy seas covered the vessels with spray which froze over the decks and rigging. Fearing that the schooners would founder, the men were kept on deck during the biting cold to beat off the rapidly-forming coatings of ice.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin is commanded by Capt. Anderson and is bound for Bucksport, Me. Sch. Avalon, Capt. William Doyle, is bound for this port. Both schooners have fair cargoes of frozen herring.

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Sch. Valerie Back From Second Trip.

Capt. Albert Larkin's new fishing schooner, the Valerie, was at T wharf this morning with her first catch of fish brought to the Boston market. This is really her second catch, the first having been landed at this port. The second trip will foot up 65,000 pounds of market fish, making 150,000 pounds in two weeks, a remarkable catch of this season of the year. The Valerie will have stocked \$3600 on both trips, and her men, who shared each \$34.30 for the first trip, will receive more than that for the trip landed yesterday.

The new vessel is a handsome craft, known among the fishermen as a semi-knockabout. She is 126 feet in length, 25 feet beam and 12.4 deep of hold, and registers 140 tons gross and 97 tons net. She was given a trial such as rarely falls to the lot of a new vessel, but came through storms and wild seas without the loss of a rope. Yesterday morning the Valerie had a thick sheathing of salt ice over everything on the forward part of the deck.

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ONE ARRIVAL THIS MORNING.

SCH. W. H. MOODY MADE GOOD
ON GEORGES HANDLIN-
ING TRIP.

There has but one arrival here since yesterday morning, sch. W. H. Moody coming in during the night from a Georges handlining cod trip with a good catch. About all of the market boats are out despite the threatening appearance of the weather and they may be able to get a short set.

Todays' Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, Boston.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Nokomis, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, haddocking.
Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.
Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.
Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.
Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

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NO OFFSHORE ARRIVALS HERE.

ONLY FISH RECEIVED THIS
MORNING WAS FARE OF HAD-
DOCK FROM BOSTON.

Vessels are coming along slowly here. Yesterday afternoon the sch. Moanam came down from Boston with 70,000 pounds of fresh fish, about all haddock, which went to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company to smoke. During the night there were no arrivals from off-shore. The boats will fish today, according to appearances ashore here. Many of the skippers are beginning to think that it is time for the shore haddock school to strike in. Last year they all got big trips, the spurt lasting quite a while. Thus far, however, they have only had the usual winter picking with no sign of the looked for spurt.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Yankee, shore, (damaged in collision).
Sch. Moanam, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, handlining.
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.
Sch. M. Madeleine, haddocking.
Sch. Muriel, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.
Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 14 3-4 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

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TWO HERRINGERS AND TWO HOOKER

BUT FEW OF THE FISHING FLEET
NOW DUE TO ARRIVE AT
THIS PORT.

The reason the vessels come along so slowly is a good one, indeed one of best in the world, simply there are but few due. All that can be called "expected" are some of the herring fleet, and as they have been up against hard weather they are more apt to be behind schedule than otherwise.

It is a little early to look for the first of the halibut fleet and the bulk of the Georges handliners have just gone out.

Yesterday afternoon sch. William Matheson, one of Capt. T. M. Nicholson's Bucksport, Me., fleet, arrived here from Bonne Bay, N. F. with a cargo of herring, 850 barrels salted, 400 barrels frozen and 100 barrels of pickled, the latter for a deck load, as is the usual custom.

This noon sch. Meteor arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 100 barrels of salt herring, and sch. Mary A. Gleason of the Georges handline cod-fishing fleet, came along with a fine fare of 30,000 pounds of salt cod.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. William Matheson, Bonne Bay, 850 bbls. salt herring, 400 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Cynthia, via Boston.

Sch. Meteor, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1100 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Harriet, shore.

Sch. Jeanette, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore.

Sch. Nokomis, shore.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Valentina, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Boston, to take out cargo of frozen herring.

Today's Fish Market.

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Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 14 3-4 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

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Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

Halifax Fish Market.

The weather of the past week has been so intensely cold at Halifax, N. S., that there has been nothing doing in fishing circles and it may be some few days yet before there is anything moving. It is reported that a vessel will be loaded at Halifax with hard fish for Oporto. The market there is firmer and as there are no supplies available in Newfoundland there is a good demand. At this season of the year there are generally three or four vessels leaving St. John's for Oporto.

Bank cod is wholesaling at Lunenburg for \$6.25 a quintal, which is the highest for many years. Stocks are getting low and prices are sure to remain firm, but hardly likely to advance as it is thought they have reached the limit.

Scale fish are getting scarce and any loose lots that have been available have been gobbled up at fancy prices. Pickled herring and alewives are advancing and there are very few of the latter available as last spring's catch is about used up.

Jan. 21.

NOT MANY FISH AT T WHARF.

DEALERS WILL BE ENABLED TO
OPEN NEXT WEEK WITH
CLEAN FLOORS.

T wharf has a pretty small hang-out in the fish line this morning but the dealers are perfectly satisfied. They have been swamped with fish all the week and would like to start next week with clean floors. Two off-shore fares of haddock, five market boats with ordinary fares and a load of frozen herring up from Gloucester, were all who answered the bell this morning.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips hails for 69,000 pounds and sch. John J. Fallon has 63,000 pounds, about all haddock in each case and the most of them going to smoke at \$1.65. Shore haddock brought \$3.25, large cod \$4 to \$5.50 and pollock \$3.60 to \$3.75.

The frozen herring are in sch. Fannie A. Smith and will go lively.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, frozen herring from Gloucester.

Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 65,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 60,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 7000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 2500 haddock, 200 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod, 600 hake.

Haddock \$1.65 to \$3.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$3.60 to \$3.75.

Portland Fish Notes.

Several good fares of fish were landed at Portland by vessels of the local fleet Thursday. They report Wednesday as being a good day for fishing notwithstanding the extreme cold. Several others which went out the same night were glad to get back yesterday without making a set, the crews reporting it very rough outside and blowing hard. They were all badly iced up and several had been boarded by heavy seas but suffered no loss. Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, which landed fish Thursday hauled out on the marine railway yesterday to fix her propeller, which has become disabled in the rough weather this week.

The fares were: Albert W. Black, 9000; Eva and Mildred, 9000 and Sadie M. Nunan, 15,000 for the F. S. Willard Company; Lochinvar, 8000; Crusader, 2200; Minerva, 2500; A. P. Parkhurst, 2500; Angie B. Watson, 7000; Bernie and Bessie, 4000 and the small boats, 10,000 for the dealers on Commercial wharf. The prices paid were steady.

While it was thought last fall that the bait supply for the winter would be short, there seems to be enough on hand now in Portland to keep all the fishermen supplied. Not only are the Portland vessels getting their bait here but practically all the other Maine craft and some of it is even being shipped to Gloucester. Bluebacks are being used almost entirely and they are proving immensely successful.

Capt. George McLean will use the sch. Shepherdess which he has just purchased in buying hake along the Maine coast. He will take station off Monhegan and secure his hake from passing fishermen.

Not for months, and in the opinion of some, have there ever been so many sea gulls at one time off Commercial wharf as was the case Thursday forenoon. A number of trips of fish were brought in and the sea food was being cleaned and the waste thrown into the water. The gulls not having had a feast like this for a long time, were attracted from all directions. They seemed to fill the air and the water. They flew, fluttered and fought until it seemed as if the whole place were alive with the feathered creatures. At one time, the gulls were so thick it was impossible to see the South Portland shore.

THE BAY OF FUNDY CLAIM.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKS
AUTHORITY TO EXCLUDE
STEAM TRAWLERS.

The Canadian department of marine has asked the justice department for an opinion as to whether, under the terms of the award of The Hague Tribunal which dealt with the North Atlantic fisheries case, the Bay of Fundy should be considered as territorial waters from which Canada can exclude fishermen of foreign countries.

In a letter setting forth the facts of the case, Alexander Johnston deputy minister of marine and fisheries, wrote to Mr. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, on November 4 last, pointing out that the fisheries department was anxious to regulate steam trawling in the Bay of Fundy and other coast waters, but unless the government had authority to shut out American or other foreign trawlers, it would not be wise to make regulations prohibiting steam trawling in that Bay by Canadian fishermen.

Mr. Johnston pointed out that up to 1853 Canada had asserted its right to control the fisheries in the Bay of Fundy and to regard it as a closed sea. In pursuance of this right an American fishing vessel named the Washington had been seized when fishing in the bay six miles off the coast. By a treaty concluded in 1853 between Great Britain and the United States, the question as to the right of Canada to thus seize the vessel was submitted to the adjudication of an umpire jointly chosen by the American and British governments. This umpire was a Mr. Bates, who was a junior member of a United States banking firm in England. His decision was that the bay could not be considered as territorial waters, and under his award Canada was compelled to pay damages for the seizure of the vessel.

Mr. Johnston urges that this decision should not be considered as final, inasmuch as it was more particularly concerned with a pecuniary claim, and inasmuch as the recent Hague decision seems to lay down the general principle that the coast line should run from headland to headland. The Bay of Fundy was expressly excluded from the consideration of the tribunal at The Hague, and beyond the general principle of law laid down, and its complication, the cases of individual bays in Newfoundland and Canadian waters, there has been no specific determination of the point now raised beyond the above noted award of 1853.

Another important point raised is that the award does not clearly indicate whether Canada has a right to exclude from territorial waters vessels of other countries, than those which were parties to the treaty of 1818.

Maine Scallop Fishermen Supplying Boston Market.

Some of the fishermen are making good money at the present time gathering sea scallops for shipment to the Boston market, where there is a good demand at very high prices. They are especially plentiful on Little Chebeague bar, one fishing boat bringing up over 1000 a few days ago. Maine is now practically furnishing about all the scallops used in Boston, as none are now being sent there from around Cape Cod, where formerly big shipments were sent all through the winter months. Some dealers say that the falling off of Cape scallops is due to the new Maine law which forbids soaking scallops before shipping which leaves them with the real sea flavor, and that consumers have begun to take to them for that reason. Others say the new Massachusetts law forbidding taking small sized scallops has made the fishermen overcautious.